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<b>IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</b>  <b>EXPEDITED EXAMINING PROCEDURE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116</b>	<i>Application Number</i>	10/708,590
	<i>Filing Date</i>	March 12, 2004
	<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Kjell-Owe HUERTH
	<i>Group Art Unit</i>	3683
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	<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	7589.160PCUS00
<i>Title of the Invention: FLEXIBLE ELEMENT</i>		

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the final Office action mailed August 17, 2005. A request for a three month extension of time to respond to the Office action from November 17, 2005 to February 17, 2006 is requested. Further reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks.

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